

BRIEFING TO MINISTER MENDICINO ON THE "FREEDOM CONVOY"

CSIS Mandate

- CSIS' mandate is to investigate and advise the Government of threats to our national security, which are clearly defined in the *CSIS Act* as espionage and sabotage, foreign influenced-activities, terrorism and violent extremism, and subversion.
- CSIS is specifically prohibited from investigating lawful protest and dissent, except when it is accompanied by a significant threat to national security.

Freedom Convoy

- While the organizers intend the convoy to be a peaceful protest, there are indications that ideologically-motivated violent extremist (IMVE) actors – who are part of the anti-public health measures movement – have expressed interest in attending in Ottawa to support the convoy.
 - American online personalities who share similar views about public health measures have expressed support for the convoy.
- s.38 CSIS has seen online commentary calling for violence and the storming of Parliament Hill buildings. These are likely aspirational but cannot be completely ignored by law enforcement.
- CSIS is tracking s.38 targets of investigation who have expressed interest in participating in the convoy. Over the coming days, CSIS will continue investigating the activities of these targets and other persons of interests, in particular for any indications of mobilization to violence.
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- Within the broader protest, it is possible that opportunistic, low-level violence (e.g. vandalism, mischief) will occur over the weekend.
- CSIS is unaware, at this time, of any tangible plots or plans of serious violence.
- The convergence of people on Parliament Hill also represents an opportunity for other ideologically or religiously inspired individuals or small groups to take advantage of the situation to commit acts of violence. s.38

Posture

- CSIS will remain engaged with the RCMP to ensure timely sharing of information.
- Other streams of intelligence reporting will be carefully monitored for chatter linked to the event, particularly threats of serious violence.
- CSIS employees will be following the developing situation over the weekend.

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Targets

- CSIS is investigating the activities of s.38 [REDACTED] targets who are planning to participate in the convoy.

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